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FROM THE AMBASSADOR

EO 11652 NA
TAGS EAGR, DR
SUB: REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO COMBAT AFRICAN SWINE FEVER

REF: A) SANTO DOMINGO 4114, (B) FASTO 53, AGATT FROM JULHERN
(C) TOFAS 66 (D) SANTO DOMINGO 3815, (E) SANTO DOMINGO 3712,
(F) SANTO DOMINGO 4133,

1. TO DATE NO OFFICIAL RESPONSE HAS BEEN RECEIVED LATEST REFTEL (4133).
2. AS STATED IN THAT REFTEL, DOMINICANS ARE FACED WITH SEVERE OUTBREAK ASF. THUS FAR USDA HAS PROVIDED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO IMPROVE CAPABILITY OF CENTRAL LABORATORY AT SAN CRISTOBAL TO DIAGNOSE ASF LOCALLY. TEAM HAS ALSO BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN PROVIDING VALUABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO GODR BY INITIATING TRAINING PROGRAS FOR DOMINICAN VETERINARIANS TO CONTROL THE SPREAD OF ASF FROM ONE REGION OF THE COUNTRY TO ANOTHER.

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3. AT THIS POINT, AN EXCELLENT START HAS BEEN INITIATED. HOWEVER, AS OF AUGUST 9 THE USDA VETERINARIAN TEAM WILL BE DOWN TO 3 PERSONS. BY AUGUST 21, ONLY 1 VETERINARIAN WILL REMAIN.
4. OBVIOUSLY, THE PRESENCE OF ASF IN THE D.R. POSES A MOST SERIOUS THREAT TO THE MULTIBILLION DOLLAR SWINE INDUSTRY OF PUERTO RICO AND THE U.S. MAINLAND.

5. THUS FAR THE DOMINICAN HAVE NOT DECIDED WHETHER TO (A) DEPOPULATE THE ENTIRE COUNTRY OR (B) FIGHT THE ASF VIRUS VIA "BRUSH FIRE METHODS" AND HENCEFORTH LIVE WITH THE DISEASE.

6. REGARDLESS OF WHICH AVENUE THE DOMINICAN CHOOSE, A CONTINUED USDA PRESENCE SEEMS TO BE IMPERATIVE.

7. WITH THIS IN MIND, I STRONGLY URGE THAT A FIVE MAN USDA VETERINARIAN TEAM BE MAINTAINED IN THE D.R. FOR AT LEAST TWO MORE MONTHS. AS A SUGGESTION, THE FOLLOWING TEAM BREAKDOWN IS PROPOSED: ONE TEAM LEADER, ONE EPIDEMIOLOGIST, ONE LABORATORY TECHNICIAN (TO REPLACE DR. HAMDY), ONE COUNTERPART COORDINATOR AND ONE TECHNICIAN EXPERT IN CLEANING AND DISINFECTING PROCEDURES.

8. GIVEN THE URGENCY OF THE DOMINICAN NEED FOR CONTINUED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AS WELL AS THE POTENTIAL THREAT TO THE U.S. SWINE INDUSTRY, I HOPE THAT SOME MEANS CAN BE MOST QUICKLY FOUND TO SOLVE THE FUNDING QUESTION.
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